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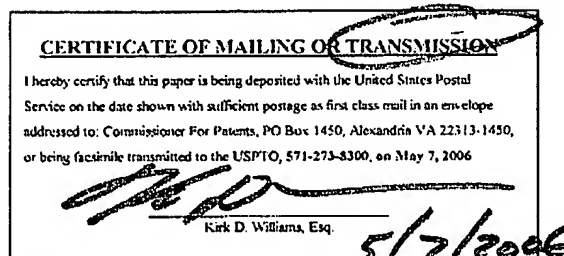
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Application No. 10/706,704

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MECHANISMS TO MAINTAIN  
SEQUENCES OF ITEMS SUCH AS  
PACKETS**Transmittal of PCT Search Report and Written Opinion**Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a PCT search report and written opinion for a PCT application claiming priority to a US CIP application of the present application. The references cited in the PCT search report were either previously submitted or submitted in an eIDS to the Office on May 7, 2006.

This submission of this search report should not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the search report is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b). Additionally, the submission of this search report is for the purpose of providing a complete record and is not a concession that the references are prior art to the invention claimed in the patent application. The right is expressly reserved to establish an invention date earlier than the above-identified filing date in order to remove any cited reference as prior art should it be deemed

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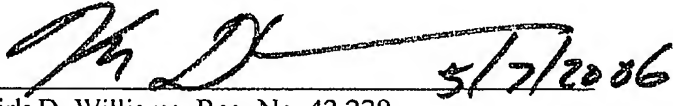
appropriate to do so. Furthermore, the submission of this search report is not to be taken as a concession that any reference cited therein represents art that is relevant or analogous to the claimed invention. Accordingly, the right to argue that any reference is not properly within the scope of prior art relevant to an examination of the claims in the above-identified application is also expressly reserved.

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